

September Update

Dr Serge, Dr Graham Fry, Andre and myself are just back from a 1,700 km round trip that took us to two hospitals, and Kyolo station. The primary objective of this trip was medical supervision conducted by Dr Serge, training in medical procedures conducted by Dr Fry and building and power system advancement by Andre & Murray. The obstacle of early rains made the road travel quite eventful with rivers to ford, deep mud holes to plough through, rocks to climb over and deep sand to track through.

Bandits

On our way we encountered grossly overloaded trucks stuck in mud holes, trucks with busted transmission, and failing brakes. Two of these trucks (Red Cross vehicles) were shortly after we encountered them stopped by armed bandits. They stole money and goods. These guys also stole 5 motor bikes from travellers. We were grateful to have missed this by one hour!! Surprisingly the military in the area found and killed two of these guys within 12 hours and have another that they are no doubt giving a dose of African style justice.

Surgery

At the two hospitals we were introduced to many chronic cases needing surgery. These included 2 children with massive tumours of the jaw, broken bones with bone sticking out, elephantitis of the leg, fistulas, cancer of the liver etc. At Mulongo Graham & Serge worked with our doctor plus 4 trainee doctors. at times 4 operating tables were in action.

Preaching

Open air hospital services during our 3 days in Mulongo saw over 110 people responding in faith as the gospel was preached. I also had occasion to preach with two translators translating into Swahili and Kiluba at one of our 5 churches in Mulongo. Again, there was encouraging reaction from many Christians as they renewed commitment to the Christian faith walk.

6 of our Bible teaching team leave for Luanza tomorrow. There are 4 involved in teaching a preaching course and two teaching Sunday school teachers with new resources provided.

Construction

Funding for a new clinic took us to Kyolo on route where work has begun to build a clinic for this rural town. We also checked on progress in bricking the hospital building at Mitwaba and engaged a project to help one of our schools complete 6 classes (820 students)

Lightning

Lightning strikes required that we check and repair solar systems installed at Mulongo hospital. We also need to boost one of the systems due to increased usage. We are now in the process of preparing our truck to take medicines and building supplies to the hospitals and projects.

We look forward to showing some of the footage taken of these and other events. Pray on for our Congolese board as they manage these impacting opportunities.

Thanks

Murray & Joy



Before and After Major Tumour Removal



Severe Elephantiasis in one leg